Disaster Management

2260. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take some legislative and other measures to tackle the problems associated with disaster management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the similar measures taken by the State Governments as well;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has initiated some programme to prepare district disaster mitigation and management plans; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government is in the process of strengthening the frame work at the National level for effective and efficient management of disasters which takes care of preparedness, response and mitigation.

(c) and (d) The management of disasters is primarily in the domain of State Governments and the State Governments do take various measures from time to time to deal with the disaster situations. Government of Gujarat has set up Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) and Government of Orissa has set up Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority (OSDMA) in this direction. Other States have also strengthened response and preparedness systems.

(e) and (f) The Government has got prepared a source book on district Disaster Management by Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussorie and the same has been made available to all the State Governments and district magistrates for preparing district specific disaster management plans.